

Yakima, Washington Renewal Community

ID	Renewal Community Name	OLAS#	Population	Sq Miles	Poverty	Unemployment
46	Yakima	WA0006	19277	5	43	20

The Yakima RC is composed of four census tracts in the northeast corner of the City.

Through its Course of Action, the Yakima RC will focus on certain specific strategies, the highlights of a few of which are as follows:

Reduction of Government Requirements: Actions that this RC has in place and/or will undertake to reduce government requirements include:

- Increased amount of free parking space within the RC.
- Merging the Departments of Codes and Planning into one division to streamline the process of application submission and approval.

Improving Local Services: Actions that this RC has in place and/or will undertake to improve local services include:

- Childcare Services provided through the Yakima Valley Community College, funded with Hispanic Serving Institutions Grant from HUD.
- Investing in public infrastructure and community economic development with revenue captured from the local sales tax.
- Streamlining the approval process for applications submitted to various City departments for permits, etc.
- Expansion of youth and adult education opportunities through designation of four City schools as 21st Century Learning Centers.

Crime Reduction Strategies: Actions that this RC has in place and/or will undertake to reduce crime include:

- Public Forums conducted by members of the police department, supporting/promoting Block (Neighborhood) watch programs and advising residents on how to improve their neighborhoods.
- Graffiti removal programs.
- A hotline for residents to call and report neighborhood building code violations.
- Neighborhood community living skills courses offered by the local Dispute Resolution Center. This program will lead to the development and training of neighborhood leaders.